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PREFACE

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This compendium of entries, together with an overview, provides thematic and country perspectives by more than 100 leading economic analysts of Africa. The contributors include: the best of young African researchers based in Africa; renowned academics from the top Universities in Africa, Europe and North America; present and past Chief Economists of the African Development Bank; present and past Chief Economists for Africa of the World Bank; present and past Chief Economists of the World Bank; African Central Bank Governors and Finance Ministers; and four Nobel Laureates in Economics. Other than the requirement that the entry be analytical and not polemical, the contributors were given freedom to put forward their particular perspective on a topic. The entries are not therefore surveys of the literature. Further, they cannot by their nature take account of the very recent developments in countries, particularly in the rapidly changing political situation in North Africa. Rather, they constitute a picture of the concerns of modern economics as it is applied to African problems, as seen by the leading economists working on Africa. We hope that this *Companion* will contribute to economic analysis and policy in Africa and thus to African development.

As the proof of this manuscript were being prepared, the editors learnt with great sadness of the untimely death of Gobind Nankani, a contributor to the volume. Gobind was our friend and colleague. His analytical sharpness and wise policy counsel on Ghanaian and African development will always be remembered. We dedicate this volume to his memory.

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